

## PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

*In re* Application of: ) Confirmation No. 8424  
Mark J. COOPER *et al.* ) Group Art Unit: 1633  
Serial No. 10/656,192 ) Examiner: Long, Scott  
Filed: September 08, 2003 ) Docket No. 003659.00029  
For: **Lyophilizable and Enhanced Compacted Nucleic Acids**

## AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents  
Randolph Building  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

This paper responds to the final Office Action mailed June 6, 2006. A Request for Continued Examination, petition for two-month extension of time, and an Information Disclosure Statement accompany this paper. Please charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

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